THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) A statement showing year-wise pendency of cases in the Central Administrative Tribunal since its inception is enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) With the extension of jurisdiction of the Central Administrative Tribunal to new organisations, apart from increase of cases due to initial institution, cases also come over to the Tribunal from other Courts. All the Ministries/Departments have been advised, from time to time, to ensure prompt handling of cases before the Tribunal so as to help in their speedy disposal. Efforts are also made to fill up the vacancies of vice-chairmen and Members of the Tribunal as expeditiously as possible whenever such situations arise.

(c) A person making an application to the Tribunal may appear in person to present his case before the Tribunal. Only a nominal fee is charged while filing an application in the Central Administrative Tribunal. However, the disposal of cases is not as expeditious as initially envisaged.

Statement

Position of pendency of court cases in the central administrative tribunal since inception upto 31.12.98

S.No.	Period	Pendency at the end of the period
1.	01.11.85 to 31.12.85	2933
2.	01.01.86 to 31.12.86	17176
3.	01.01.87 to 31.12.87	21502
4.	01.01.88 to 31.12.88	27158
5.	01.01.89 to 31.12.89	31774
6.	01.01.90 to 31.12.90	35562
7.	01.01.91 to 31.12.91	39633
8.	01.01.92 to 31.12.92	41035
9.	01.01.93 to 31.12.93	40028
10.	01.01.94 to 31.12.94	39819
11.	01.01.95 to 31.12.95	41970
12.	01.01.96 to 31.12.96	44887
13.	01.01.97 to 31.12.97	46004
14.	01.01.98 to 31.12.98	49521
	TOTAL	49521

Proposal to revert retirement age of Government Employees

1006. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have again decided or have had under consideration the question to retract its decision to raise the retirement age by two years and have restored the usual retirement age for Government employees' to 58 years;

(b) if so, in what circumstances and by when a decision is likely to be taken;

(c) whether it was in response to young Government employees own demand; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government employees representative bodies thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

केन्द्र और राज्य सरकार के कर्मचारियों की सेवानिवृत्ति आयु में एकरूपता

1007. **श्री जनार्दन यादव:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार केन्द्रीय सरकारी कर्मचारियों की सेवानिवृत्ति आयु को 60 वर्ष से घटाकर 58 वर्ष करने पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में विभिन्न राज्य सरकारों से परामर्श किया है;

(ग) क्या सरकार, केन्द्र और राज्य सरकार के कर्मचारियों की सेवानिवृत्ति आयु में एकरूपता लाने का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

कार्मिक, लोक-शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा वित्त मंत्रालय (बैंकिंग, राजस्व तथा बीमा) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कादम्बूर एम०आर० जनार्दनन): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) और (घ) राज्य-सरकारें स्वयं ही अपने कर्मचारियों की सेवा-शर्तों के संबंध में निर्णय लेने में सक्षम हैं और इसलिए केन्द्रीय सरकार को इस बारे में कोई भूमिका नहीं निबाहनी है। अतः केन्द्रीय सरकार के तथा राज्य सरकार के कर्मचारियों की सेवा-निवृत्ति की आयु में एकरूपता लाने का कोई भी प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Entry age for Government Jobs

1008. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have also enhanced the maximum entry age(s) in Government service for different categories of staff and officers in view of enhancement of retirement age from 58 to 60 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof for different categories of staff and officers separately; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when Government are likely to enhance the entry age(s) for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) to (c) Consequent to raising of the retirement age from 58 years to 60 years, the upper age-limit for recruitment to All India Services and various Central Services through the Civil Service Examination, 1999 has been increased by two years. Further, general orders have been notified on 21st December, 1998 providing for increase by two years in the upper age limit for recruitment through Direct Open Competitive Examination to all the Central Civil Services and Civil posts under the Central Government with effect from 1st April, 1999 vide Central Civil Services and Civil Posts (Upper Age-limit for Direct Recruitment) Rules, 1998.

Directions for C.B.I.

1009. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed the Central Bureau of Investigation through the Cabinet Secretary to work silently, refrain from going to the Press and be sure of its legal rights before Court going to the Court;

(b) if so, the rationale behind these directions;

(c) whether this would not be a compromise with the Government's widely advertised statement regarding the autonomous nature of this important investigation agency; and

(d) whether the morale of the officers would be affected adversely by the attitude of this kind?

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